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Emotional testimony rivets the nation

"I am no one's pawn."

Michael Reynolds / Associated Press

"This has destroyed my family."

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St. Mary's law students gripped by historic hearing on Capitol Hill

By Liz Teitz
STAFF WRITER

For hours, a roomful of future lawyers at St. Mary's University watched – some silently, some whispering fiercely – the televised unfolding Thursday of what they said was a defining moment for their profession and the country.

Testimony from Christine Blasey Ford and Judge Brett Kavanaugh before the Senate Judiciary Committee was "probably one of the most historic moments of our law school experience," said Emma Niewold, who was among dozens gathered at the university's law school to hear it.

A California psychology professor, Ford testified that Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump's pick for the U.S. Supreme Court, sexually assaulted her when they knew each other in high school in 1982. Kavanaugh, a federal appellate court judge, angrily denounced that and other accusations Thursday.

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What they're saying

» *Their testimony produced strong statements of support.* **A10**

Our Texas senators

» *Cornyn and Cruz, both on the committee, deferred asking questions.* **A11**

Nation was watching

» *The no-frills network, C-SPAN, became our town square.* **A11**

Kavanaugh, accuser square off with nomination in balance

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg and Nicholas Fandos
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON – Judge Brett Kavanaugh and his accuser faced off Thursday in an extraordinary, emotional day of testimony that ricocheted from a woman's tremulous account of sexual assault to a man's angry, outraged denial, all of which played out for hours before a riveted nation and a riven Senate.

The two very different versions of the truth, unfolding in the heated atmosphere of gender divides, #MeToo and the Trump presidency, could not be reconciled. The testimony skittered from cringeworthy sexual details to accusations and denials of drunken debauchery to one juvenile exchange over flatulence.

Washington has not seen anything like it in a generation. For people not used to watching gov-

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Football player broke racial barrier

By David Barron
STAFF WRITER

Julius Whittier, the attorney and former UT athlete who died this week at age 68, was remembered Thursday for the fortitude he displayed as the Longhorns' first African-American football letterman and the grim irony of his final days spent dealing with dementia that may have stemmed from playing football.

Whittier, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease and had been living in a memory-care treatment center in North Texas since 2016, died Tuesday. His sister, Mildred Whittier, said his brain has been donated to a Boston research center that studies the impact of repeated brain trauma.

A native of San Antonio who graduated from Highlands High School in 1969, Whittier has an honored place in the history of Texas sports as the first African-American football letterman at the University of Texas in 1970. He went on to obtain three degrees from UT and worked as an assistant district attorney in Dallas and in private practice.

"His legacy, even if he wouldn't say it, is courage and of willing to be the first," said Dwight Jefferson, a former UT football player who in 2016 filed a federal court lawsuit against the NCAA on behalf of Whittier and his sister, who also was

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University of Texas Athletic Department

Former Texas Longhorn Julius Whittier was a member of three SWC title teams and Texas' 1970 national championship team.

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Texas voter rolls at record numbers

By Jeremy Wallace and Dylan McGuinness
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The Texas voter rolls have grown to 15.6 million people, a record and a jump of 1.6 million since the state last held a midterm election in 2014, said Texas Secretary of State Rolando Pablos.

That includes nearly a 400,000-person increase since March, election records show. To put that number in perspective, from 2002 to 2014, the state added just over 100,000 voters a year, on average.

And there's still more than a week to go before the Oct. 9 deadline to register for the Nov. 6 election.

"Recently, we have heard from a number of county election officials who tell us they are witnessing voter registration rates and voter enthusiasm in a midterm year that we usually see before presidential-year elections, which is phenomenal," Pablos said. "On the whole, we are seeing Texans become more engaged, which is very healthy for the future of our state."

Since March, the state's largest counties, Bexar, Harris, Dallas and Tarrant, all saw their voter registrations grow 2.4 percent on average. Of the four, Bexar has had the largest increase at 2.7 percent, growing its rolls

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Bank closing in 1931 rattled San Antonio. **A8**

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